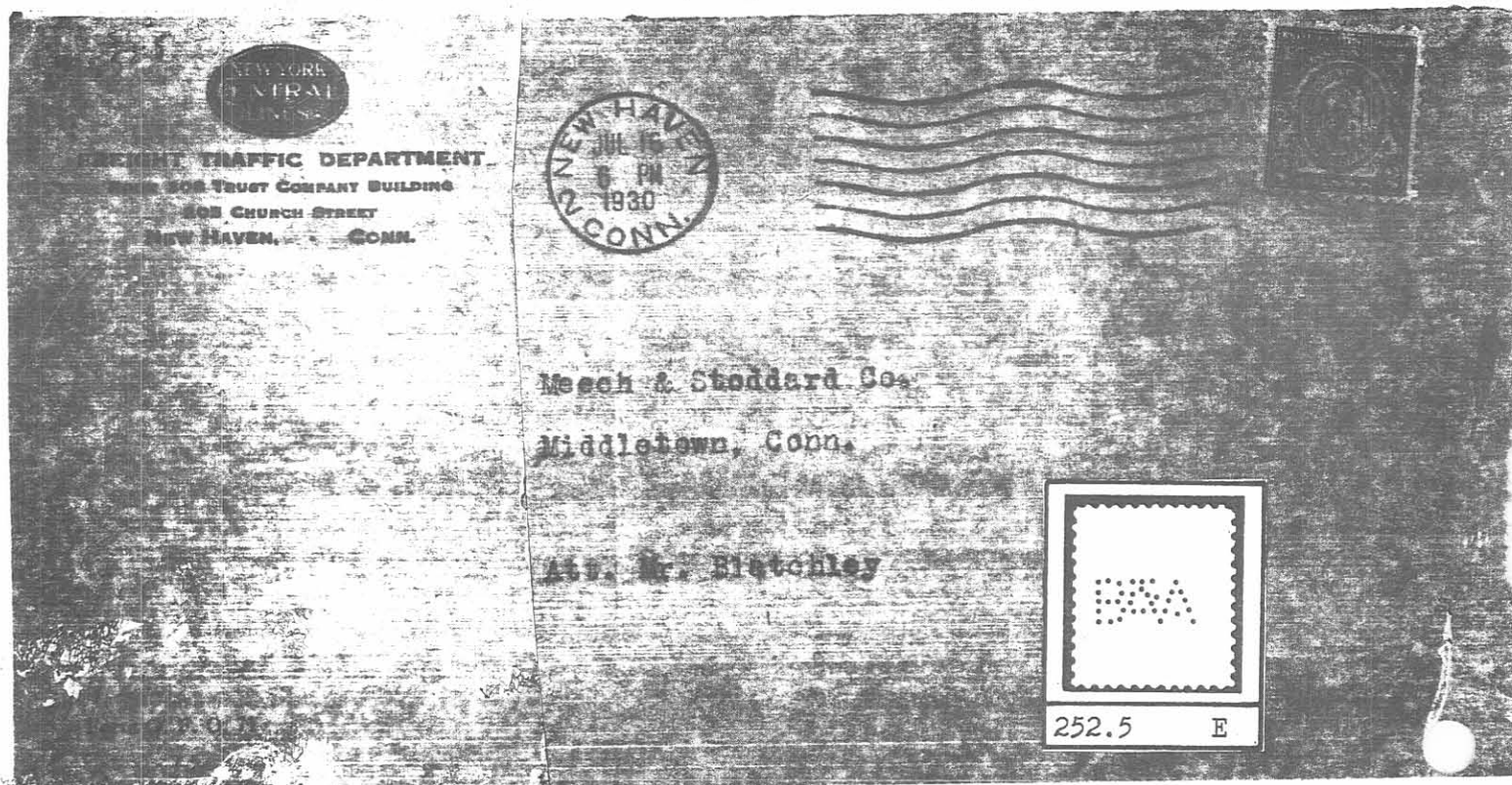


New York Central Lines Use of B252.5

Joseph Laura, Jr (#1238) and John Lyding (L116)



The New York Central Freight Traffic Department, Room 308 Trust Company Building, 205 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut is the corner card on this July 16, 1930, envelope which is franked with a 2¢ Massachusetts Bay commemorative punched with perfin pattern B252.5 -- B&A. Please note, the #10 envelope's illustration has been photographically cropped to fit these pages. According to *The Catalog of United States Perfins* the pattern was used only by the Boston and Albany Railroad. This cover indicates a need for a supplementary Appendix entry listing the Freight Traffic Department of New York Central Lines.

Upon receiving a full-sized photocopy of the cover from the *Bulletin* Editor, John Randall, the US Catalog Editor commented: "I ... hesitate to give this an Appendix listing, for railroads were notorious for merging, using other railroads perfins, etc."